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SUBJECT: CLOSING OF U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL/BANGKOK AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF BANGKOK MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY

FOR EA/EX AND DG/MED

1. U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL/BANGKOK CURRENTLY HAS INPATIENT FACILITY STAFFED AND MANAGED BY U.S. ARMY AND OUTPATIENT FACILITY MANAGED BY DR. HANSFORD AND STAFFED BY DOD AND CIVILIAN AGENCY PERSONNEL. INPATIENT FACILITY BEING CLOSED JUNE 30, 1974.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED FOR OPERATION OF BANGKOK MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY (BMTF) TO BE ESTABLISHED JULY 1, 1974. WITH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED IN BANGKOK THIS MONTH. OPERATIONS OF U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL/BANGKOK WILL BE ABOLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF BMTF, WITH SPACE NOW OCCUPIED FOR INPATIENT CARE IN U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL BEING UTILIZED BY BMTF.

3. PROPOSED STAFFING PATTERN AND TEXT OF LOCALLY NEGOTIATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BMTF HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DR. HYDELL. KEY PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT ARE:

A. BMTF WILL BE UNDER DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF DIRECTOR DESIGNATED BY AMBASSADOR.

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B. SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO BMTF WILL HAVE COMMAND CONTROL OVER MILITARY PERSONNEL. SENIOR STATE OFFICER WILL HAVE SIMILAR CONTROL OVER ALL ASSIGNED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

C. BMTF WILL BE SIGNLE ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITY.

D. BMTF WILL BE JOINTLY STAFFED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND PERSONNEL(AMERICAN AND LOCAL: DIRECT HIRE AND CONTRACT) OF CIVILIAN AGENCIES.

E. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL STAFFING OFBMTF WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE WITH FINANCIAL AND POSITION REIMBURSEMENT BY DOD AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES.

4. CONTINUATION OF DR. HANSFORD'S DIRECTION OF INPATIENT FACILITIES WITH JOINT MILITARY/STATE AMERICAN STAFFING AND STATE LOCAL STAFFING WILL MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY, COST EFFECTIVENESS AND QUALITY OF SERVICE PROVIDED. IT IS ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, ALL PERSONNEL OTHER THAT PCS AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL BE STATE EMPLOYEES. THUS FSL AND ATHAI AND TCN CONTRACT PERSONNEL NEED TO BE STATE EMPLOYEES. IT IS RECOMMENDED LOCALLY EMPLOYED DIRECT HIRE OR CONTRACT AMERICAN PERSONNEL ALSO BE STATE FUNDED, DIRECT HIRE OF CONTRACT AMERICAN PERSONNEL ALSO BE STATE FUNDED, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS THIS CAN BE EXCEPTION TO ABOVE.

5. SUMMARY OF POSITION COMPEMENT OF U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT FACILITY (COLUMN 1) AND REQUIRED POSITION STRENGTH OF BMTF (COLUMN 2) AS FOLLOWS:

STATE AMERICAN DIRECT HIRE (1)-4 (2)-4  
STATE AMERICAN DIRECT HIRE OF  
CONTRACT (1)-0 (2)-6  
USOM FSL PERSONNEL (1)-3 (2)-0  
ARMY FSL PERSONNEL (1)-53 (2)-0  
STATE FSL PERSONNEL (1)-7 (2)-75  
STATE LOCAL CONTRACT (1)-5 (2)-5  
ARMY AMERICAN CONTRACT (1)-4 (2)-0  
ARMY AMERICAN DIRECT HIRE (1)-49 (2)-36  
USOM AMERICAN CONTRACT (1)-1 (2)-0  
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(1)-126 (2)-126

6. BMTF WILL REDUCE PRESENT PER CAPITA COSTS FOR OUTPATIENT CARE. ARMY WILL BE REDUCING AMERICAN COMPLEMENT BY 13 DIRECT HIRE AND 4 CONTRACT POSITIONS. ADDITIONAL REDUCTION WILL BE ONE USOM AMERICAN CONTRACT EMPLOYEE. STATE WILL ADD ONLY 6 AMERICAN DIRECT HIRE(OR CONTRACT) EMPLOYEES WITH REMAINING 12 POSITIONS BEING

FILLED BY FSL EMPLOYEES. 6. NEW AMERICAN POSITIONS FOR STATE WOULD BE 2 SECRETARIES (1 IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR AND SECOND IN MENTAL HYDIENE UNIT) AND 4 NURSES.

7. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING LOCAL SAS APPROVAL FOR POSITIONS AND FUNDS FOR BMTF. MACHTHAI HAS RECEIVED SAS OFFSET FOR POSITIONS AND FUNDING IN PAST. THUS EACH AGENCY SHARE OF TOTAL COST WILL BE REDUCED TO EXTEND FSL PERSONNEL BEING SUBSTITUTED FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

8. IN NEGOTIATING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING U.S. ARMY POSITION WAS, WITH APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF PATIENTS DOD PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. IF MAJORITY OF STAFF WERE DOD PERSONNEL. BMTF SHOULD BE DESIGNATED US. MILITARY FACILITY WITH JOINT CIVILIAN/MILITARY DIRECTION AND STAFFING. HOWEVER, U.S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT, IF 65 PERCENT 75 PERCENT OF STAFF WERE STATE PERSONNEL. BMTF NEED NOT BE DESIGNATED AS US. MILITARY FACILITY AND FACILITY SHOULD BE UNDER DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF DIRECTOR DESIGNATED BY AMBASSADOR.

9. OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERABLE PLANNING MUST BE UNDERTAKEN TO HAVE THE BMTF READY FOR OPERATION BY JULY 1, 1974. THUS REQUEST APPROVAL OF FOLLWING ASAP:

A. SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY EMBASSY, MACTHAI AND U.S. ARMY REPRESENTATIVES

B. INCREASE IN SHARED ADMIN FSL COMPLEMENT BY 68 POSITIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974.

C. INCREASE IN SHARED ADMIN AMERICAN COMPLEMENT BY UNCLASSIFIED

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6 POSITIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974.

D. IF (C) NOT POSSIBLE, AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY ON CONTRACT  
6. AMERICAN POSITIONS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 6. NOTE:

IF A COMMITMENT CANNOT BE MADE RE ALL 6. AMERICAN POSITIONS AT THIS TIME. U.S. ARMY MAY REPEAT MAY BE WILLING TO FUND SOME OF TYLSE POSITIONS (THIS IS NOT TRUE HOWEVER OF FSL OF THAI AND TCN CONTRACT POSITIONS) KINTNER

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